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2 Introduced by Committee on Health Care

3 Date:

4 Subject: Health; Department of Vermont Health Access; accountable care
5 organizations

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
7 Department of Vermont Health Access to provide quarterly reports to the
8 Health Reform Oversight Committee, the legislative committees of
9 jurisdiction, the Green Mountain Care Board, and the Office of the Health Care
10 Advocate regarding implementation of the second year of the Vermont
11 Medicaid Next Generation ACO Pilot Project. It would also direct the Green
12 Mountain Care Board to keep the same parties apprised of its progress in
13 implementing the All-Payer Model and regulating accountable care
14 organizations.

15 An act relating to reporting requirements for the second year of the
16 Vermont Medicaid Next Generation ACO Pilot Project

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 Sec. 1. VERMONT MEDICAID NEXT GENERATION ACO PILOT

3 PROJECT REPORTS

4 (a) On or before June 15, September 15, and December 15, 2018, the
5 Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide to the House Committees
6 on Appropriations, on Human Services, and on Health Care, the Senate
7 Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare, the Health Reform
8 Oversight Committee, the Green Mountain Care Board, and the Office of the
9 Health Care Advocate written updates on the implementation of the Vermont
10 Medicaid Next Generation ACO Pilot Project (Pilot Project). The updates
11 shall include the following information:

12 (1) the amount of Medicaid funds provided by the Department to the
13 accountable care organization (ACO) in each of the three months preceding the
14 month of the report; the June report shall also include the amounts for January
15 and February 2018 and the total amount of Medicaid funds provided since the
16 beginning of the Pilot Project;

17 (2) the amount of funds expended by the accountable care organization
18 on behalf of attributed Medicaid beneficiaries in each of the three months
19 preceding the month of the report; the June report shall also include the
20 amounts for January and February 2018 and the total amount of funds

1 expended on behalf of attributed Medicaid beneficiaries since the beginning of
2 the Pilot Project;

3 (3) the extent to which the accountable care organization has met the
4 quality indicators specified in the Vermont Medicaid Next Generation ACO
5 Pilot Project agreement signed on February 1, 2017, using both annual data
6 and quarterly data for those indicators for which quarterly data are available;

7 (4) the extent to which the Department and the accountable care
8 organization have met the reporting benchmarks identified in the Department's
9 Vermont Medicaid Next Generation ACO Pilot Project Year 2 (2018)

10 Operational Timeline;

11 (5) to the extent data are available, a comparison of:

12 (A) utilization of health care services by service category and by care
13 management level for the Medicaid population attributed to the ACO during
14 the second year of the Pilot Project with the utilization of services for the same
15 population in prior years; and

16 (B) utilization of health care services by service category and by care
17 management level for the Medicaid population attributed to the ACO during
18 the second year of the Pilot Project with the utilization of services for Medicaid
19 beneficiaries not attributed to the ACO;

20 (6) statistical information regarding the numbers and topics of patient
21 and provider complaints, grievances, and appeals for attributed Medicaid

1 beneficiaries and participating providers, as well as any available information
2 regarding patient and provider satisfaction with the Pilot Project;

3 (7) current information on the size of the participating provider network
4 since the beginning of the Pilot Project and since the previous report; and

5 (8) any change in the size of the Medicaid population attributed to the
6 ACO since the beginning of the Pilot Project and since the previous report.

7 (b) In addition to the written updates required by subsection (a) of this
8 section, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide testimony on
9 implementation of the Vermont Medicaid Next Generation ACO Pilot Project
10 at a meeting of the Health Reform Oversight Committee at least once every
11 two months or more frequently if so requested by the Committee. The
12 testimony shall include the information specified in subsection (a) of this
13 section, as well as any other information the Department deems relevant to the
14 Committee's oversight of the Pilot Project in 2018 after adjournment of the
15 General Assembly. The Committee shall also provide an opportunity for the
16 Office of the Health Care Advocate to testify at the same meetings as the
17 Department regarding issues related to the Pilot Project, including information
18 on complaints, grievances, and appeals reported to or requiring investigation or
19 other action by the Office.

1 Sec. 2. ALL-PAYER MODEL AND ACCOUNTABLE CARE

2 ORGANIZATION REPORTS

3 (a) On or before June 15, September 15, and December 15, 2018, the Green
4 Mountain Care Board shall provide to the House Committees on
5 Appropriations, on Human Services, and on Health Care, the Senate
6 Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare, the Health Reform
7 Oversight Committee, and the Office of the Health Care Advocate written
8 updates on the Board's progress in meeting the benchmarks identified in the
9 Board's Year 1 (2018) All-Payer ACO Model Timeline regarding
10 implementation of the All-Payer Model and the Board's regulation of
11 accountable care organizations.

12 (b) The Board shall also provide to the committees and office described in
13 subsection (a) of this section, to the extent permitted under federal law, the
14 analysis of health care spending required by the Vermont All-Payer ACO
15 Agreement, including:

16 (1) on or before August 1, 2018, information regarding whether the
17 number of attributed lives is consistent with the scale targets in the All-Payer
18 Model ACO Agreement; and

19 (2) on or before November 1, 2018, quality and financial performance
20 information.

1 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on passage.